

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claim 1-20 stand rejected. By this amendment, claims 1-4, 6-8, 10-14, 17, 18, and 20 have been amended. The amendments made to the claims do not alter the scope of these claims. The amendments to the claims have been made to improve the form thereof. In light of the amendments and remarks set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the pending claims is in immediate condition for allowance.

The Advisory Action dated November 3, 2003, states that “Horii discloses that only drive signal of plurality of drive signals is selected by a waveform selector to apply to a piezoelectric element, each of the drive signal is a composite wave form.” After reviewing the Advisory Action, Applicant conducted a telephonic interview with the Examiner to discuss the “composite waveform signal” taught by Horii in contrast with the “uniform drive waveform signal” disclosed and claimed by Applicant. Applicant has amended the pending claims to explicitly recite the uniform drive waveform signal.

Horii uses a composite drive waveform signal to produce dots. Horii does not use a the uniform drive waveform signal explicitly recited in Applicant’s claim. Instead, Horii uses a composite drive waveform signal to generate the signal used to create the plurality of different dots.

In contrast, as explicitly recited in Applicant’s claim, Applicant utilizes a uniform drive waveform signal to produce dots. As such Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraw rejection and pass the pending claims to issue.

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Applicant has responded to all of the rejections and objections recited in the prior Office Action. Reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance for all of the pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If the Examiner believes an interview would be of assistance, the Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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